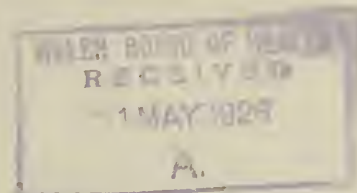


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BRECON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.  
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Llangorse and Devynock  
Sub - Districts.  
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ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dr. T. P. Thomas.

For the Year - 1925.  
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TO THE BRECON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report 1925.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report upon the Health and Sanitary arrangements of the Llangorse and Devynock Sub-Districts of the above Council for the year 1925.

For Statistical Purposes these two areas have been amalgamated by the Registrar General and the combined area treated as one. As a consequence I am making one Report covering the two areas.

The District is entirely rural with no industrial occupations.

Extensive Works have been started in the Aber Valley in connection with the Waterworks Scheme for the County Borough of Newport and other places.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	-	-	-	-	-	-	139366.
Population (1921)	-	-	-	-	-	-	6688.
Number of inhabited houses (1925), about	-	-	-	-	-	-	1668.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1925), about	-	-	-	-	-	-	1703.
Rateable Value, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	£93831.
Sum represented by a penny rate, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	£305.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS  
OF THE YEAR.

Estimated population for Birth and Death Rates - - - 6555.

			<u>Births.</u>		
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Grand</u>	<u>Birth</u>
	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>
Legitimate	- 56	62	118		
Illegitimate	- 2	3	5	123	18.7

This rate is higher than that for England and Wales which is 18.3.

Deaths.

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Death Rate.</u>
42	49	91	13.8

This rate is higher than that for England and Wales which is 12.2.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth -  
from Sepsis- Nil. Other Causes - Nil.

		<u>Number.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>
Deaths of Infants under)	Legitimate	- 9	73.1
1 year, per 1,000 births)	Illegitimate	1	8.1
	Total	- 10	81.3

The Infantile Mortality Rate is higher than that for England and Wales which is 75.



				<u>Number.</u>	<u>Rate.</u>
Deaths from	-Measles(all ages)	-	-	Nil	--
	-Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	1	0.01
	-Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-	Nil	--
	-Tuberculosis (all forms)	-	-	5	0.54
	-Cancer	-	-	11	1.20

Transferable Deaths.- Seven persons belonging to this District died outside the district during the year and two persons belonging to outside districts died within the district.

### 3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-
Diphtheria	2	-	-
Enteric Fever	1	-	-
Tuberculosis-Pulmonary	8	7	5
-Non-Pulmonary-	-	1	-
Totals	15	8	5

### 4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

None of special importance.

### 5. NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

#### Professional Nursing in the Home.-

- (a) General- There are three District Nurses employed in the area by Nursing Associations at Devynock, Talybont and Llangorse. Their services are of great value.  
There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Sennybridge which meets fortnightly and continues to do very good work.
- (b) For Infectious Diseases.- None.

Midwives.- There is no subsidy by the Public Health Authority. Three trained and two Bonafide Midwives practise in the area.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.- Only for cases of Tuberculosis which are treated by the Welsh National Memorial Association. Cases of Venereal Diseases are transferred to the Clinic at Swansea.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.- Arrangements have been made with the Brecon Urban District Council for the use of the Isolation Hospital at Brecon. The accommodation available for cases at this hospital is three wards of 32 beds. The hospital is kept in constant readiness for use. The hospital is also intended for use of cases of Smallpox.

#### Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants and Homeless Children in the District.-

No provision is made for these cases.

Ambulance Facilities.- None at present.

### 6. LABORATORY WORK.

All the necessary Laboratory Work is carried out by the Clinical Research Association, London. Diphtheria Antitoxin is provided for the poorer patients.





Adoptive Acts.- All the necessary Acts have been adopted. Chicksonport has been made compulsorily notifiable in the area.

#### 7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Sewerage Schemes are again recommended for Llanfrynach, Talybont and Llangorse. With regard to Llanfrynach Village, the question of the drainage of this Village has been receiving attention and it is hoped it may be possible to have improvements effected during 1926.

The Closet Accommodation is improving but several closets of the old 'privy' type still exist.

Water Supplies.- Water supplies have been laid on and are satisfactory at-

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|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Llanfrynach.                 | 2. Pencelli. | 3. Cross Oak.              |
| 4. Talybont.                    | 5. Pennrth.  | 6. Llanfihangel-Tallyllyn. |
| 7. Llangorse, and 8. Llanfillo. |              |                            |

The question of laying on a water supply in the Aber District is under consideration and it is hoped that a supply will shortly be laid on to this district.

The water supply at Abercynrig is still unsatisfactory.

Trecastle.- During the year a Survey was made and Levels taken with a view to carrying out of a much needed Scheme of Water Supply for this Village. So far it has not been possible to secure the consent of the Owner to the acquiring of a suitable source.

Heol Senny.- Efforts are now being made for this Village to be supplied with a satisfactory Water Supply. It is hoped that arrangements may shortly be come to whereby water may be laid on to the houses as well as to the local Council School.

Drainage.- To replace a defective old stone culvert used for waste water drainage on the North side of the main road through the Village of Trecastle a piped sewer has been laid and will shortly be completed. It has been so arranged that when at a future time a proper water supply shall have been provided, the Section of the Sewer now laid can be extended and made to form part of a more complete Sewerage Scheme.

The places where food has been prepared have been inspected and found clean. No unsound food or meat has been brought to my notice,

Cowsheds.- Several of the registered cowsheds in the district had substantial improvements effected during the year in the way of more sanitary flooring, the removal of objectionable ceilings, the cement rendering of internal wall surfaces and in the provision of additional light and means of ventilation. Plans have now been approved by the Council for the erection of a new cowshed on a large scale and which being constructed on the most approved lines will be serviceable as a model in the locality. There are still a few cowsheds which are unsatisfactory and the Proprietors have been served with notices and warned that unless requirements are carried out their Registrations may be cancelled.

There is no Steam Disinfector in the area but all places where Infectious Disease occurs are disinfected as far as possible.

Owing to the extremely rural nature of the district there is no organised collection of refuse, but schemes for the regular collection of refuse are again recommended for Sennybridge, Devynock, Talybont and Llangorse.





An unpleasant feature is the number of persons who remain unvaccinated. With Smallpox still prevalent, vaccination is recommended and necessary.

Schools.— The following schools were closed on account of Infectious Diseases during the year for the periods and reasons stated:—

School.	C l o s e d		
	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>on account of</u>
Senny Council	25-3-25	6-4-25	Influenza.
Llanhamlach N.P.	1-6-25	8-6-25	Mumps.

### 8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The Public Health Staff consists of a Medical Officer (part-time) together with a part-time Sanitary Inspector, who is also the Sanitary Inspector for the Brecon Rural District of Merthyr Cynog.

### 9. HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year - - - 3.

#### 1. Unfit dwelling-houses.— Inspection.—

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|---|---|---|------|
| (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)   | - | - | 168. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910                             | - | - | 43.  |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation (since left unoccupied)    | - | - | 1.   |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation | - | - | 15.  |

#### 2. Remedy of defects without service of formal Notices.—

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	-	11.
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#### 3. Action under Statutory Powers.—

##### A.—Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.—

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|--|---|---|----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs  | - | - | 0. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit-   |   |   |    |
| (a) by owners  | - | - | 0. |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners  | - | - | 0. |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close | - | - | 0. |

##### B.— Proceedings under Public Health Acts.—

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | - | - | 38. |
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|---|---|-----|
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied- |   |     |
| (a) by owners - - - - -                                       | - | 33. |
| (b) by Local Authority in default of owners-                  | - | 0.  |

C.- Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act 1909.-

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|--|---|----|
| (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders - - - - -   | - | 0. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made - - - - -   | - | 0. |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit - - - - - | - | 0. |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made - - - - -  | - | 0. |
| (5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders - - - - -   | - | 0. |

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I am,  
 Yours faithfully,  
  
 T. P. Thomas.  
  
 Medical Officer of Health.

Bank House,  
 Brecon.  
  
 May 17th 1926.





Rural District of Brecknock (Llangorse and Devynock  
Sub-Districts).

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Supplementary Report 1925.  
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1. Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

There are nine Registered Slaughter Houses in the District.

On an average an aggregate of about 32 Sheep and 5 or 6 Calves are slaughtered weekly together with an occasional Beast or Pig.

The Meat Inspections are carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector.

The Butchers who usually buy locally are careful in their purchases and so far it has only been necessary to condemn one Carcass.

Slaughter Houses.

		<u>In 1920.</u>	<u>In January 1925.</u>	<u>In December 1925.</u>
Registered	-	6	9	9
Licensed	-	None	None	None
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Total	-	6	9	9

2. Legislation in Force - Adoptive Acts.

The following Acts or parts thereof have been adopted by the Council:-

Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1869 (subsequently extended to all districts by Infectious Disease (Notification) Extension Act 1899).

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act 1890.

Part 3 of Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890.

The following parts of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907:-

The whole of Part 1.

The following Sections of Part 2 - Sections 18, 20 and Sections 22 to 24 (both inclusive), Sections 28 to 38 (both inclusive), Sections 43 to 46 (both inclusive), Sections 48 to 50 (both inclusive).

Part 4 omitting Sections 61, 67 and 68.

Part 5.

Part 10 Sections 93 - 95 (both inclusive).



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Public Health Act 1925, Sections 13 to 16 (both inclusive), Sections 23, 25 to 34 (both inclusive), Sections 36 to 38 (both inclusive), Sections 40 to 43 (both inclusive), Sections 45 to 50 (both inclusive).

The following Bye Laws are in force in the district:-

Bye Laws with respect to Nuisances,  
Bye Laws with respect to New Buildings,

Regulations under Milk and Dairies orders.

3. Arrangements in Force for Chemical Work during the year and their results.-

The Clinical Research Association, London, undertake the Bacteriological work for the district. During 1925, 2 Diphtheria swabs were submitted for examination, both proving positive.

4. Milk Supply.-

The District is well supplied with Milk and considerable quantities are sold wholesale into adjoining districts.

Altogether there are 45 persons registered for the Sale of Milk either as Retailers, wholesale Traders or Producers.

The Cows live entirely out of doors during the Summer Months and are usually turned out during a portion of the day even in the Winter.

Special attention having been paid to the structural condition as well as to the cleanliness of the Sheds and substantial improvements from time to time effected, the Cowsheds in the district had for the most part been brought into compliance with the Regulations in force - there were, however, a few of the older sheds which were not considered satisfactory and these were taken in hand in 1925. One shed was replaced by a new one and six others were improved by the provision of new floors and additional light and ventilation and by the removal of dust-laden faggot and litter ceilings - also by having the internal wall surfaces rendered in cement.

I am pleased also to be able to report a noticeable improvement in the condition of the Cowsheds in the matter of cleanliness.

